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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.	N <del>M</del>

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2000, please amend the application referenced above as indicated hereinafter.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please all a new Claim 34 and amend the claims as indicated hereinafter.

Although not all of the claims have been amended, all claims are reproduced for convenience.

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- 1. (AMENDED) A method for automatically routing an integrated circuit, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:
- receiving integrated circuit layout data that defines a set of two or more integrated

4 circuit devices to be included in the integrated circuit;

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